



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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THEATRE ARTS AND DANCE

Do you have confidence, determination, and a creative spirit? Do you love to share your ideas and talents with others? If so, then you might like a career in dance or theatre arts. The University of Minnesota's distinguished programs in theatre arts and dance offer great academics and great opportunities, all in one of the nation's most vibrant and exciting metropolitan locations!



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Great Academics

College of Liberal Arts offers departments and faculty that are consistently ranked among the best in the nation. Theatre arts and dance students embark on a journey of intellectual exploration, creative discovery, and contribution to society.

- Bachelor of Fine Arts Actor Training Program with the Guthrie Theater**
 The University of Minnesota/Guthrie Theater BFA Actor Training Program is unique in many ways, as it combines a core of theatre courses within a liberal arts curriculum, merging the University of Minnesota's outstanding academics with the world of professional theatre under the auspices of the acclaimed Guthrie Theater. Acceptance into the BFA Actor Training Program is by audition only.
- Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts**
 The University of Minnesota's Bachelor of Arts (BA) program in Theatre Arts explores the process of theatrical creation through programs in performance, history/literature, and design/technology. Each program invites the student to develop independent, critical thought, articulated choices, and to explore the consequences of representation historically, in various cultural sites, and here and now in the Twin Cities.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance**
 The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Dance provides professional technical training, fosters an intensive creative process, offers extensive performance experience and promotes rigorous intellectual inquiry. Coursework includes modern, ballet, jazz, composition, performance, dance history, theory, ethnology, music, pedagogy, production, and kinesiology. Acceptance into the BFA Dance Program is by audition only.
- Bachelor of Arts in Dance**
 The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Dance provides professional technical training, fosters and intensive creative process, offers extensive performance experience and promotes rigorous intellectual inquiry. Required coursework includes modern dance technique, composition, performance and dance academics. Acceptance into the BA Dance Program is by audition only.

"This program will aim to create a new generation of actors whose passion for theatre will match those who have graced our stage for so many years."

-Joe Dowling, artistic director for the Guthrie Theater



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Career and Internship Opportunities

The Twin Cities metro is one of the richest arts communities in the nation, with hundreds of opportunities for students to become involved with local theatre and dance companies. Its diverse and active arts community provides a wide array of learning opportunities for U of M students. The Department of Theatre Arts and Dance has strong ties to several arts organizations, including:

- Ananya Dance Theatre
- Arena Dance
- Black Label Movement
- Children's Theatre Company
- Guthrie Theater
- Open Eye Figure Theatre
- Penumbra Theatre
- Shapiro and Smith Dance
- Southern Theater
- Theatre de la Jeune Lune
- Timetrack Productions
- TU Dance
- Walker Art Center

Great Opportunities

Study Abroad

To prepare you for life in a global society, the U of M actively encourages studying abroad. Working or learning in a foreign country will build your skills, confidence, and cultural awareness as you enter a diverse working world. Imagine studying performing arts in India or the theatre industry in Australia. The Learning Abroad Center offers more than 300 programs in 67 countries, from Nepal or Tanzania to England or Mexico.

Freshman Seminars

Designed to enhance your first-year experience, Freshman Seminars are an incredible introduction to our academic community. You'll learn from some of the most distinguished faculty at the University of Minnesota, while getting to know other first-year students who share your interests. Recent CLA seminars have included *Power on Stage: Theatre in India*; and *Theatre: Entertainment with Attitude*.

Mentor Program

The mentor-student partnership brings a "real-world" perspective to your academic program. You'll learn from seasoned professionals and experience the behind-the-scenes realities of a career in theatre and dance. Participants get an inside view of Twin Cities theatre companies or organizations. College of Liberal Arts Mentor Program will connect you with alumni in the area.

Research Opportunities

Imagine participating in a research program with world-class experts, and getting paid to do it! This dream is a reality for many U of M students. The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) enables you to conduct paid research or pursue special projects beyond your regular courses. A distinguished CLA faculty member will guide you through the research process.

Campus Involvement

Even in the midst of an electric Big Ten atmosphere, the University of Minnesota has an intimate student community. It's easy to get involved here; we have over 600 student organizations where you can connect with other students who share your interests.

Other groups include:

- CRISIS POINT: Theatre of Danger and Opportunity
- Student Dance Coalition
- West Bank Arts Quarter Collective
- Xperimental Theatre Company

Performance and Production Opportunities

Students in theatre arts and dance have dozens of opportunities each year to explore their creativity and get real experience, both on- and off-campus. Production seasons within the Department include the University Theatre Mainstage, University Dance Theatre, the University of Minnesota Showboat Players, and U of M/Guthrie Theater BFA Actor Training Program projects.

Other opportunities are held within student-run organizations that perform as well as provide opportunities for members to write, choreograph, act, or direct on the stage. They include the Xperimental Theatre, Crisis Point Theatre, the Student Dance Coalition, and the Arts Quarter Collective, a group of students within the West Bank Arts Quarter, which presents a fall arts festival every year. West Bank Arts Quarter students can also become involved by choosing to live the West Bank Arts House (A Living Learning Community) within Middlebrook Hall.

